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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Reported by: Report A of the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 35, L.D. 65, "Resolve, Requiring the State to Fulfill Its Commitment to Provide Adequate Mental Health Services for Senior Citizens in the Eastern Maine Area"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Requiring the State to Fulfill Its Commitment to Provide Adequate Mental Health Services for Senior Citizens in the Eastern and Northern Maine Area'**

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Community resources in eastern and northern Maine. Resolved:** That the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Division of Mental Health is directed to undertake an expedited process to determine the need for community-based mental health resources to serve senior citizens in eastern and northern Maine and to develop those resources in a timely manner with the funds appropriated in this resolve.

**1. Determination of need and resource availability.** The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall conduct a study, which must include a survey and assessment of consumer needs, to determine the need for and availability of community-based mental health resources to serve senior citizens in eastern and northern Maine. For the purpose of the study, the department shall convene a study group of mental health consumers and their families, mental health providers, advocates for consumers of mental health services and representatives of the department.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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2           **2. Resource development.** The Department of Mental Health  
and Mental Retardation shall develop community-based mental  
4 health resources to serve senior citizens in northern and eastern  
Maine sufficient to meet the needs identified by the study  
6 committee convened pursuant to this resolve and within the  
limitations imposed by the funding appropriated. Community-based  
8 mental health resources must be developed to meet the needs  
identified in each region and must serve at least 33 persons.  
10 Resources for at least 16 persons must be available no later than  
June 30, 1996 and resources for at least 17 additional persons  
12 must be available no later than December 30, 1996; and be it  
further

14           **Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
16 this resolve.

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20 **1996-97**

22 **MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Mental Health Services - Community**

26           All Other \$169,003

28           Provides funds for the  
non-Medicaid reimbursable  
30 portion of costs associated  
with developing 16  
32 specialized nursing facility  
beds by June 30, 1996 and an  
34 additional 17 specialized  
nursing facility beds by  
36 December 31, 1996 in northern  
and eastern Maine.

38 **Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid**

40           All Other 656,202

42           Provides funds for the  
44 Medicaid reimbursable costs  
associated with developing 16  
46 specialized nursing facility  
beds by June 30, 1996 and an  
48 additional 17 specialized  
nursing facility beds by  
50 December 31, 1996 in northern  
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**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
MENTAL RETARDATION**

**TOTAL** \$825,205'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1996-97**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$825,205

This resolve includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$825,205 in fiscal year 1996-97 to develop a total of 33 specialized community nursing facility beds in northern and eastern Maine. Beginning in fiscal year 1997-98, the annual General Fund cost of these beds is estimated to be \$1,100,000.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment replaces the resolve. It deletes the emergency provisions. It removes the provisions to develop resources at Bangor Mental Health Institute. It requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to determine the needs for community-based mental health resources to serve senior citizens and to develop those resources in the eastern and northern Maine regions. It involves consumers and their families, advocates for consumers, providers of mental health services and the department in the process. It requires the department to develop the needed resources within the limitations of the funds appropriated. It adds a fiscal note to the resolve.